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Honorable Robert S. Walker
House of Representatives
2369 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3816

Dear Congressman Walker:


This is in reply to your letter of June 9, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Paul H. Ahnert, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 67 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



per
Joseph A. Levin
Chief, Policy & Planning Branch
Private Radio Bureau

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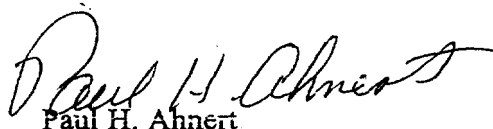
Congressman Walker:

I am the president of the Conestoga R/C Model Club. We currently have a membership of 34. We are very concerned about the effects of this proposal if it were enacted. It would render over half of our present R/C frequencies unusable. We have a lot of money and time tied up in our hobby. The Typical hobbyist, owns 3 to 5 Radio outfits at an average cost of about \$300.00 each. We have an excellent safety record nation wide, but with the proposed frequencies wedged in between ours it could cause some very dangerous conditions, so dangerous that we might not be able to obtain the liability insurance necessary to continue with our hobby.

I've been flying model airplanes for over 50 years and Radio Control since it's infancy in the mid 50s. It's a wonderful hobby that we share with others by putting on air shows for schools, Boy Scouts, State Police Cub Cadets, and helping in the public schools with the Young Astronauts program. We enjoy all phases of aviation, models and full scale and help in educating our youth to do like wise. some of our greatest aviation heroes and astronauts started with Model Aviation.

Please help us continue our hobby and the continued use of all our assigned frequencies.

Thanks for Your Help



Paul H. Ahnert

President

Conestoga R/C Club